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Irrigation in the La Cinta Canyon.

Pete Upton was in town Monday on business and a pleasant caller at this office. The Uptons are commencing work on their Irrigation Scheme in La Cinta Canyon. They have surveyed the dam and ditch and plowed the lines of the ditches so the range stock cannot obliterate them by tramping out the stakes. They expect to water about 1,000 acres. They will build a long low dam across La Cinta arroyo, building entirely of stone and concrete as it will be impossible to hold all the flood water that comes at times and it must run over the dam to a depth of several feet.

Later they will build a dam across Burro Canyon also and the water supply will only be limited by the height and strength of the dams as these streams have all the flood water from the breaks and a fall of 1,300 feet from this mesa. La Cinta Canyon comprises a tract of level land probably 10,000 acres in extent adjoining the "Bell Pasture" on the north and running to the foot hills of this mesa. The soil is a rich sandy loam that does not crust or pack from dashing rains and is friable and easily worked. Although so dry this year that the grass is poor the farmers there raised good crops of corn and maize by modern "Dry Farming" methods and with irrigation this will be a veritable paradise surrounded by mountain scenery of imposing grandeur.

Entertains Pupils

Some of the High School pupils and others of the younger set were entertained at the J. Floersheim home Thursday evening. Many games and much hilarity were indulged in and the youngsters had a fine time as they always do when together.

Refreshments consisting of chocolate and cakes were served. Mrs. Floersheim and the children know how to entertain.

The Masquerade Ball to be given by the girls of the younger set, the evening of Nov. 5th promises a surfeit of pleasure.

S. E. Pelphry, the lumber dealer was down from French yesterday.



HEADQUARTERS OF ROY LAND & LIVESTOCK CO.

Renting Land vs. A Lesson on County Homesteading Division

We read in an Iowa paper of a personal friend who has rented an Iowa farm for next year at \$6.00 an acre. It's a good farm and would sell for \$200.00 an acre. That is three per cent gross earnings for the owner with taxes, insurance and upkeep to pay out of it leaving a possible 1 per cent net earnings. Good investment?—On the other hand, we have printed too many hundreds of sale bills for just such men as this renter, who had to sell all they had to pay the rent in an off-year, not to realize the risk he is running. The rent he pays would secure him 320 acres of choice land here, move him and his family and stock to it and shelter them and the same labor that he will perform there would raise a crop and improve his own farm here and he knows it—yet he stays there—Why?

Good Advertising

The LaPorte, Indiana, Daily Herald, a large modern Daily copies from the Spanish American regarding our fellow townsman C. E. Anderson formerly of that city. This is the kind of advertising that accomplishes its purpose when one copy of this paper rightly placed reaches thousands of people in the east with a message of personal interest to each one. The more of it we can do the sooner we will develop this country.

L. E. Alldredge and Frank McDaniels drove to De Haven Monday on business returning Tuesday. They carried guns to protect themselves from outlaw deer but brought back none.

Lincoln County is having all kinds of trouble with her new court house at Carrizozo. An injunction stopping work on it and suit for damages by the contractor and architect are among the things that will make it cost far more than it is worth.

This could be taken as an object lesson for Mora County to be sure they are right before going ahead with division.

We need \$2,000,000 in taxable property at this end before we will be in a position to talk about division.

Apparently we missed lots of news matter of a more or less interesting character Thursday night. From the evidence to be seen in the "Cold grey dawn" of the morning after, it would not require the astute investigation of a Sherlock Holmes to discover that an epidemic of inebriacy had swept over the town and left a horde of polluted specimens of Genus Homo in its wake.

Buying Broom Corn

J. Floersheim has been out driving through the country east of here and over in Union county this week looking up the broom corn crop and buying what is in the market. Those who tried broom corn this year made good and there is a lot of it in the country. Already over a car load is stored here ready for shipment.

Rev. Shields, the popular Dawson pastor-politician passed thru town yesterday enroute to Tucumcari.

Literary Club Organized

A large number of teachers, pupils and patrons of the Roy Schools met at the school house Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a Literary Club. Prof. Johnson was chosen temporary chairman and afterwards elected President of the Club.

Other officers elected are: H. Goodman, Vice Pres., Miss Phoebe Russel, Secretary, Miss Edith Hern, Assistant Secretary.

Committee appointed on by-laws are: Dr. Gibbs, J. Floersheim.

A short impromptu program was given by the school children.

A program will be arranged for next Friday evening and a debate, "Resolved—That Washington did more for his country than Lincoln".

Committee on program and debate will be appointed each meeting for the succeeding evening.

This organization promises profitable, interesting and pleasant entertainment for the fall and winter months and all are cordially invited to attend and take part. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, Oct. 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Public School Notes

Prof. Johnson treated the fifth and sixth grades to water-melon on Tuesday evening.

Twenty square yards of Hylo plate blackboard has been ordered by the School Board for the different rooms where it will be greatly appreciated.

Friday Nov. 4th will be Display Day at the Primary room. Parents are cordially invited to call and inspect their children's work.

Phoebe Russel ranked first in high school, Zoe Cable in the eighth grade, Helen Alldredge in the seventh, Hazel Sheltren in sixth, Nellie Goodman and Leo Rychlewski in the fifth grade during the first month of school.

Rosalie Branch enrolled in the fifth grade Monday.

You should call and see the relief maps made by the fifth grade.

The Roy Literary club meets at the school house on Friday evenings. Why not be there.

The Roy Market is being painted outside to match the attractive interior. It adds much to the appearance of the street.